

# SINAI

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Imagine this: you've been asked to have an aliyah at your niece's bat mitzvah at Temple Sinai. Since you're from out of town, you've never been to this temple and you can't wait to participate in her simcha. You drive your hand-operated van to the Military Road entrance, park in the designated spot, and use your van's ramp to get out onto the parking lot. The lot is a little confusing – where to go? – but you retrace the driveway you came in on, power up the hill, and you have arrived.

Once inside the sanctuary you see a cousin you haven't seen in several years. She invites you to sit with her and her family toward the front of the sanctuary. At this point you realize you can't really sit with her. The pews are fixed, there are no spaces or the ability to remove a seat for your wheelchair. You have to sit in the aisle. People walk around you as they walk up and down. It's difficult to participate in a conversation with your cousin because you have to lean around the wooden side of the aisle, so you settle in and look at the bimah.

The first thing you notice is that there is no ramp to the bimah, there's a lift on the side. You try not to think about it as the service starts. Your niece seems so mature. When did that happen? She leads prayers effortlessly. Finally the torah reading has begun and you are called up for the aliyah.

You move your chair over to the lift while someone runs over to operate it. The service stops as you slowly rise to the bimah. Everyone is staring at you. You should be used to this sort of thing by now but you can't help but feel embarrassed. Throughout the reading you try not to think about the fact that you are going to have to go through it all again to get back down to your seat. Well, not your seat, your spot in the aisle.

Our sanctuary fully complies with the obligations of the Americans with Disabilities Act, but fails to comply with our moral obligation to treat everyone who enters with dignity. We can do better, and we will. As we prepare for renovations to increase meeting spaces and adapt the spaces we have to our current needs, we will also be increasing the inclusiveness of our space. We will be making our sanctuary truly accessible, and we will be adding gender-neutral restrooms in addition to maintaining the male/female restrooms.

There are many ways each of us contributes to the congregation. Simply showing up and greeting another person is a building block of community. Volunteering enriches both the congregation and the volunteer. And donating funds allows us to become the Temple Sinai we should be.

Renovating the sanctuary to become more accessible will allow us to align our services with our values. It is one of the many ways our capital campaign will improve our community. This is an unusual moment in the life of our congregation, a pivot point. We can all be a part of it. If you haven't already contributed to the Campaign for Temple Sinai, please do so. (There's a link on the homepage). Together we can shape our building, grounds and programs for the future.

As I begin my term, I could not be more excited to be temple president at this moment of transformation. I hope you are as excited to be a part of it.



**Deborah Lewis**  
*President*

# FROM THE RABBI

## BUILDING A MISHKAN

**W**e spend the weeks from Passover to Shavuot counting the Omer—each day marking the Jewish people’s journey from redemption to revelation, from freedom to celebrating the *matan torah*, the giving of the Torah at Sinai. After Shavuot ends, we begin a different kind of counting. The counting of each sacred day of summer.

As D.C. turns muggy, we bask in the long, light days of the new season. As we begin to mark this transition, our cycle of Torah readings includes Parashat Naso— the longest portion of the year. It includes the Priestly Benediction, a blessing common to Jews and non-Jews alike. We recite these words at almost every special occasion, when we name a baby, when we bless a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, under the chuppah at a wedding.

“Thus you shall bless the people of Israel. Say to them: ‘*Y’varekh’cha Adonai v’yeesh’m’recha: Yaeir Adonai panav eileycha veechuneka: Yeesea Adonai panav eilaycha v’yasem l’cha shalom.*”

May God bless you and watch over you. May God cause God’s light to shine on you and be gracious to you. May God lift up God’s face to you and grant you peace.” (Number 6:23-26)

As the seasons change, these words resonate.

***Y’varekh’cha Adonai v’yeesh’m’recha—May God bless you and watch over you.***

In this verse, we pray for God’s blessing and protection. We ask God to keep an eye out for us and protect us from harm. May God inspire us to wear our bicycle helmets, keep us safe in our cars on road trips, and keep the lightning and rain away when we’re camping. We ask God to play that protective, parental role that can be a source of such comfort.

The sages suggest that when the priests lift up their hands and say the first words of

this blessing, they are actually praying that God bless us with material goods, with abundance. According to the rabbis: “may you have enough *and a little bit extra.*” As contemporary sages Tom Haverford and Donna on *Parks and Recreation* would say, “Treat yo’self.” Summer is the season of the splurge— the extra treat: getting the fanciest ice cream cone, ignoring your to-do list and enjoying the day at the pool, that special dinner out, staying up too late and dancing at an outdoor concert. No matter your favorite splurge, this is a blessing that encourages us to live a little, and enjoy those extra special treats.

***Yaeir Adonai panav eileycha veechuneka—May God cause God’s light to shine on you and be gracious to you.***

At Sinai, we often say “May God’s light shine on you and through you.” When we pray that God’s light will shine on us, we are not just asking for some kind of Divine spotlight, we are praying that we will become vessels through which God’s light is manifest in the world.

Summer is a time to enjoy the blessings and privileges of our lives, the abundance that we prayed for in the first part of the blessing. And, the second blessing reminds us to remember those who do not enjoy those same privileges and comforts.

As vessels of God’s light it is incumbent upon us to reflect that light into the world. In that spirit, to do something to help others this summer. Maybe its time to Marie Kondo a closet and donate slightly worn clothes to A Wider Circle. Read your Sinai emails for updates on our



**Rabbi Hannah Goldstein**  
Assoc. Rabbi

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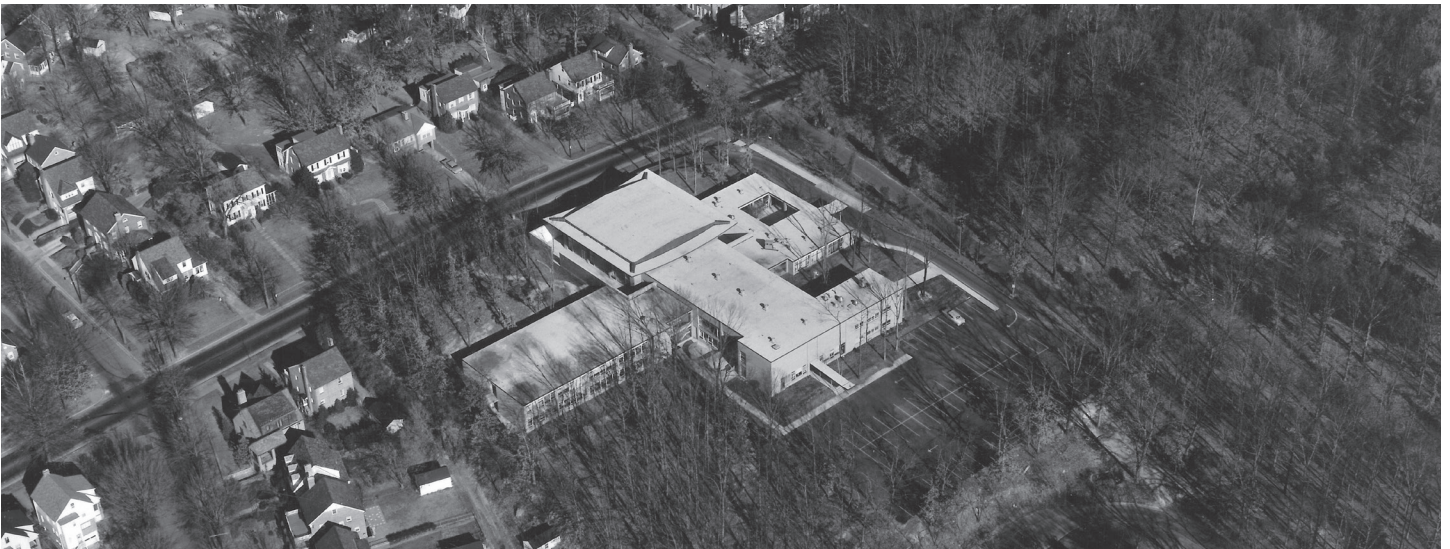


# HONOR OUR HERITAGE, BUILD OUR FUTURE

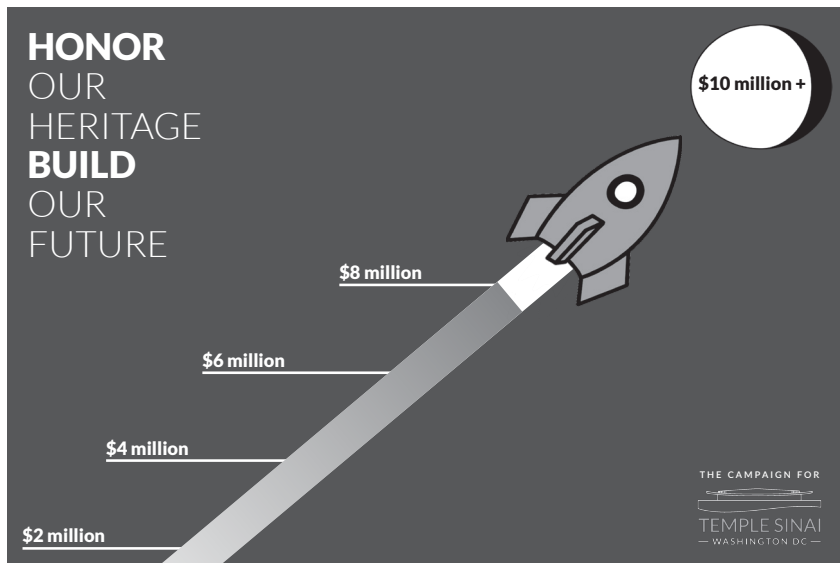
THE CAMPAIGN FOR TEMPLE SINAI

For nearly seven decades Temple Sinai has housed a vibrant community of worship, learning, social action and celebration. Now our home needs enhancements to support the dynamism of our programming, the needs of our 1,200 member families to gather, and the challenges of our future. We have exciting plans to renovate and expand our facilities and support our clergy and programs; our fundraising goal is in sight.

Early in 2019 we publicly launched our comprehensive campaign to fund these needs. Every member is being asked to pledge as they can toward the shared commitment of ensuring the long-term vitality of our congregation. Our goal is not only to secure essential financial resources to fund strategic priorities, but also to build upon the support and enthusiasm demonstrated by the congregation when 600+ congregants provided direct feedback on our strategic plan, by encouraging broad congregational participation in and financial support of this meaningful initiative.







To pledge your support for the **Honor Our Heritage, Build Our Future** Campaign, contact the Development office or visit [templesinaidc.org/capital-campaign](http://templesinaidc.org/capital-campaign).

All members are encouraged to help bring our participation and financial goals levels even higher.

## By the Numbers

- Over a dozen stakeholder groups ranging from the TSWRJ to the Temple Sinai Nursery School provided input on the concept drawings.
- 600+ congregants responded to a survey that provided input on campaign priorities; our goal is to build on this success to achieve full congregant participation in the campaign.
- 60% of the financial goal was reached during the “quiet phase” preceding the public launch.
- Hundreds of members attended 6 campaign launch events in February 2019.
- 28 campaign leaders and staff contacted all 1,200 member families through meetings in individual and small group settings, direct mail, and other follow-up activities.
- 48% of the capital campaign donors have designated a portion of their pledge for the Annual Fund.

## Facilities: Expand, Improve & Make Accessible: \$8 million

Improve building access, create a sanctuary for the next 70 Years, create community gathering spaces, expand space and flexibility for education and respect and appreciate our natural resources to help us better meet member needs for worship, learning, and community gathering.

## Innovative Programming & Clergy Support: \$2 million

Provide engaging opportunities for social action with clergy and fellow congregants, maintain an exceptional clergy team who inspire, teach and are committed to maintaining close connections with all congregants including those in need of pastoral care, by enhancing our Annual Fund, Endowment, and other sources of operating revenue.

## Annual Fund

We ask members who generously participate in the Honor our Heritage, Build Our Future Campaign to wrap their Annual Fund donation into their Campaign pledge. Since initial member commitments (dues) support just 81% of our annual budget, the Annual Fund supports essential operating budget needs.

*Stop by to chat with one of our campaign leaders before and after services on **July 19** when we have our annual Congregational Shabbat BBQ, or on **August 30** for Labor on the Bimah. We'd love to share the exciting plans to renovate & expand our facilities, and to provide sustaining funds to support clergy & programs. Your participation and support is essential; come and learn more!*

# TIKKUN OLAM— SOCIAL ACTION @ SINAI

We have just wrapped up an incredibly busy year of Social Action. The temple year was bookended by an inspiring Shabbat service and dinner last June honoring the Poor People's Campaign and a joyous Social Action Recognition Shabbat on May 31 featuring a sermon by Rev. Frankie Grayton of the Edgewood Baptist Church. In between congregants engaged in actions supporting a wide range of causes and were treated to an array of social action oriented programs. Our Refugees, Asylum Seeker and Immigration Support Group continues helping refugee families and the temple is sponsoring an asylum seeker who fled the Congo. A delegation of nearly 30 congregants and clergy attended the Religious Action Center's Consultation on Conscience and that experience will help to inspire our future efforts. There will be more to do in the coming months and we hope even more people can join the extraordinary group of individuals engaged in our activities. Take a look at the Social Action menu on the temple's webpage for details. Contact Glenn Engelmann, Social Action Committee Chair at [glenn.engelmann@gmail.com](mailto:glenn.engelmann@gmail.com) for more information or to join the Social Action Google Group to receive current information regarding social action related events.

## Washington Interfaith Network (WIN)

Join Temple Sinai's Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) Core Team this summer as we organize ourselves, other DC residents and our elected officials to prepare for DC elections in June 2020. We're talking with residents across our city, researching and teaching each other, and formulating demands for next year. Issues are:

- Affordable housing in all 8 Wards
- Living wage jobs at WMATA and other public agencies
- Community safety and gun violence prevention
- Immigration

Check out WIN's calendar page for event details and to sign up, [www.windc-iaf.org/calendar](http://www.windc-iaf.org/calendar), and contact Barbara Kraft, [bjkraft1@gmail.com](mailto:bjkraft1@gmail.com), to join our Core Team and for more information.



## Temple Sinai Has Signed the Brit Olam

Temple Sinai has joined together with over 200 communities in signing the Religious Action Center's Brit Olam, which translates to 'covenant with our world' and reminds us of the words from Pirkei Avot:

*"Study alone is not enough, our tradition demands action."*

The Brit Olam, our covenant with the world, supports congregations working together, learning from one another, and effecting change on the local, state, provincial, and federal levels. Learn more at [www.rac.org](http://www.rac.org).



Rabbi Roos crosses the finish line.

## Sinai House

Rain didn't dampen the spirits of the 150 runners, walkers and dogs who braved the elements to celebrate Mother's Day at the 5th Annual Tricia Davis 5K Walk/Run for Sinai House on May 12.

Visit [SinaiHouseDC5K.com](http://SinaiHouseDC5K.com) to see photos of the event by JD Baker Photography, the official photographer of the Tricia Davis 5K for Sinai House since the inaugural 2015 race. Use COUPON CODE "Sinai19" at checkout to get 50% off photo prints and keepsakes until October 1, 2019!

Thank you to the 300+ generous business and individual donors and over 300 registrants who contributed more than \$115,000 to support Sinai House! Please patronize our business sponsors who are listed the 2019 Tricia Davis 5K Race Day Booklet, and thank them for supporting Sinai House.

# SINAI STORIES

Story telling is a part of our Jewish tradition—it connects us with each other and our shared history, and binds us together for the future. Sinai Stories is a series about our own connections to one another, Temple Sinai, and the larger Jewish community.

If you are interested in sharing your story, please email coordinator Marcie Solomon at [marcie.solomon@gmail.com](mailto:marcie.solomon@gmail.com).

## THE DEATH OF MY TEMPLE

Michael Sussmann

**L**ike me, many in our congregation “belong” to two temples: our beloved Temple Sinai in northwest DC, and the temple of our youth—where we attended services with our families, went to religious school, became a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, and perhaps learned a few Jewish songs. We may or may not still visit that temple, but it remains in our memories and our hearts.



At the age of 68, the reform synagogue of *my* youth—Temple Beth El of Closter, NJ—was laid to rest on June 14, 2019. After membership dropped over 50% and finances withered under a large mortgage, the building was bought by a Korean church; the house of so many rituals and gatherings—my 1977 bar mitzvah included—is no more. On Saturday, the congregation marched its Torahs six miles to another failing temple that will absorb the remnants of Beth-El and try to survive, and perhaps, someday, even grow.

Closter, NJ sits in Bergen County, which has a large Jewish population and a number of temples in the area that survived the decades and even thrived. So why did Temple Beth-El perish? Simply put, Temple Beth-El failed to understand changes in the Jewish community at large and adapt to its needs. (For example, even in 2019, Beth El’s rabbi will not perform interfaith marriages.) Unwilling or unable to change, the temple made itself unappealing to potential new members. Couple that with poor financial decisions by a temple leadership unaware of its looming loss in membership revenue, and the patient succumbed.

And what of Temple Sinai—so young at 70? Are there similarities? Thankfully, no. As a member of Sinai’s board, I see a temple led by professionals, and volunteer leaders with strong professional backgrounds, who understand how to run a non-profit, a business, and a community organization, all rolled into one. And as a temple member and parent of three religious school students, I see clergy deeply engaged with our children, our Jewish and secular communities, and the issues of the day. From September to May, you can’t find an open meeting space on a weeknight; temple events, educational programming, community programs, and holiday services fill the building with energy and enthusiasm. It’s perpetually springtime at our shul.

Loss provides opportunity for reflection and appreciation for what we have. As Temple Beth-El took its last breath this weekend, I feel especially grateful for the warmth and vitality at Temple Sinai. And I am comforted in knowing that my children always will be able to return here, regardless of any other Jewish community where they also may belong. Because of its dedicated clergy, vibrant congregation, and committed professional staff, Temple Sinai will thrive for generations to come.



# MEMBER NEWS

## Mazel Tov to...

...Micah and Catherine Gibson on the birth of their daughter Liora Bea Gibson; Samuel Bleicher on the publication of his novel, *The Plot to Cool the Planet*; Yale Friend on receiving the Brown University Mitchell Baker Music Scholar Prize for 2019; Joyce and Richard Schwartz on the birth of their grandson, Jacob Dean Rothberg; Darwin & Karen Walker on the birth of their granddaughter Maya Sol Martignetti Walker, daughter of Josh and Anna Martignetti Walker; Carole and Nick Brand on the birth of their granddaughter Kate Channing, daughter of Ellen and Teague Channing; Robert Loesche and Marsha Shaines on the birth of their grandson, Charles Stuart Bergman, son of Emily Loesche and Peter Bergman and nephew of Sam Loesche; Sara and Zack Rosenblum on the birth of their son Seth Levi Rosenblum; Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser and Shalom Rosenberg on the birth and adoption of their son, Simon Gabriel Rosenberg; Joshua Shiffrin and Lauren Oppenheimer on the birth of their daughter Noa Karen Shiffrin; Daniel Serwer on the publication of his latest book, *From War to Peace in the Balkans, the Middle East, and Ukraine*; Alice Rabin, whose son Matthew J. Rabin, Pershing Square Professor of Behavioral Economics, Department of Economics, Harvard Business School, has been elected by his peers to the National Academy of Sciences (NAS); Ted Rosen on his appointment to the Board of the Garden of Remembrance Memorial Park; Regina Ziegler on the upcoming wedding of her daughter Shira Ziegler to Brian Extein. Their aufruf will be at Shabbat services this Friday.

## We Mourn the Deaths of...

...Richard Birn (Jacqueline); Sumner Myers (Phyllis); Nina Merrick (Leon);

## We Extend Condolences to...

...Amy Borrus (Richard Miller) on the death of her mother, Adele R. (Margolis) Borrus; Janet Krell (Gregg Ivers) on the death of her father, Norman Krell; Ken Brown (Ann) on the death of his father, Albert "Buzzy" Brown; Janis Schiff (Philip) on the death of her father, Samuel George Boyarsky; Richard Tempchin (Judy Licht) on the death of his aunt Naomi Selbst; Bill Busis (Leslie) on the death of his father, Sidney Busis; Brian Kass (Darla) on the death of his father, Benny Lee Kass; Steven Bleckner (Lisa) on the death of his mother, Laura Bleckner; Kenneth Brown (Ann) on the death of his father, Albert "Buzzy" Brown; David Rose (Ann) on the death of his brother Howard Rose; Randall Kaplan (Jennifer Cook-Kaplan) on the death of his father, Dr. Marvin Kaplan; Jan Kaufman (David) on the death of her father, Leonard M. Greenspan; Becky Wexler (Matt) on the death of her grandmother Ethel Nanes; Linda Rosen (Ted) on the death of her brother-in-law, Philip Selwyn; Charlene Barshefsky (Edward Cohen) on the death of her brother-in-law Donald J. Weinshank; Rachel Croen (Evan) on the death of her grandfather Paul Raymond Hardel; Darren Gersh (Martha Plotkin) on the death of his father, Maurice "Bud" Gersh; Phyllis Myers on the death of her sister-in-law Maria del Refugio Torres Myers ("Cuca"); Cinthia Schuman (Larry Ottinger) and family on the death of her mother, Gladys Schuman; Nina Prill (Adam) on the death of her friend Priscilla Mott; Jo Gutterman (Robert Levy) on the death of her mother, Laurel Kanner Gutterman.

## Welcome to Our New Members

Jonathan & Kristen Cohen and their son, Sam  
David & Allison Donadio and their children, Talia  
& Jonah

Jason Fleischer & Sara Kraner and their  
children, Lia & Chloe

Alexandra & Matt Squires and their children,  
Layla, Elyse & Ruby



Dear Temple Sinai,

My name is Emily Halpern and I'm so excited to be joining your amazing community as the Assistant Director of Teen Learning and Engagement. After spending five years at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield, New Jersey I am ready to explore all Washington, DC has to offer! A few fun facts about me are, I am known to wear the highest ponytail at URJ Camp Harlam, if I could eat the same food everyday it would be sushi and I'm looking forward to taking the perfect picture during Cherry Blossom season. I can not wait to meet all of you when I arrive in September and I hope you will stop by the youth lounge and introduce yourself!

Peace, Love and Sinaites Rock!

Emily Halpern

**8th-12th Graders!** Come meet Emily and reconnect with your Sinai friends at the end of the summer. SiNIGHTS Out – September 12, 7:00pm Gusto Bethesda.



# TSWRJ

## Upcoming 2019 Programs

Sign up or register for events: [templesinaidc.org/gather/tswrj](http://templesinaidc.org/gather/tswrj)  
Questions? Email: [templesinaiwrj@gmail.com](mailto:templesinaiwrj@gmail.com)

**SATURDAY, JULY 13 — 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

*Light lunch will be served.*

### July 13 Listening Session—

#### Reproductive Justice

Rabbi Goldstein, the leadership of TSWRJ and the Social Action Committee invite you to a Temple-wide discussion on how Temple Sinai should engage in the fight for Reproductive Justice.

#### Questions we will discuss include:

What is Reproductive Justice?

What does Temple Sinai want to do on this issue of human rights?

How do we partner locally?

What would a program look like/what do we want to learn?

**RSVP to Rachel Hynes—[RHynes@templesinaidc.org](mailto:RHynes@templesinaidc.org).**

If you **cannot attend** and are interested in working on this important effort, please **RSVP to Rachel Hynes** and we will keep you informed of future programming related to reproductive justice.

**SUNDAY, SEPT 8 — 9:30 AM AT TEMPLE SINAI**

#### Board meeting

**SUNDAY, SEPT 15, 2019 — 5:00 - 7:00 PM**

#### TSWRJ Wine and Cheese Opening Event

Lisa Tucker's house (address in the member directory)  
RSVP at [templesinaidc.org/gather/tswrj](http://templesinaidc.org/gather/tswrj)

**MOST WEDNESDAYS — 7:30 to 9:30 PM**

**SCHEDULED MONDAYS — 2:00 to 4:00 PM**

#### Mah Jongg

Check the schedule on Temple Sinai's website.

Novices and mavens welcome! **E-mail:**

[greenwald.anita@gmail.com](mailto:greenwald.anita@gmail.com) (*Wednesday*) and

[susanschiffer@hotmail.com](mailto:susanschiffer@hotmail.com) (*Monday*)



### TSWRJ Biennial Retreat

**January 3-5, 2020**

**The Westin Annapolis**

**Details to follow!**



### TSWRJ Judaica Shop (SUMMER HOURS)

By appt., please contact Meg Seldin

Phone: 301-332-9490

E-mail: [megseldin@gmail.com](mailto:megseldin@gmail.com).

**SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAY EVENINGS — 6:00-7:30 PM**

### TSWRJ 2019-20 BOARD

**Nancy Liebermann, Co-President**  
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Robin Glantz	Past President
Deborah Tanno	Past President

# 6 FUN WAYS TO 'SHABBAT' THIS SUMMER

Cantor Rebecca Robins

Summertime is here! Splash pads are running, traffic is reducing, and ice cream is on the menu. (Was it ever off the menu?!) I love Shabbat all year long, but I especially love Shabbat in the summertime. The long days feel like more leisurely Shabbat gatherings, and extra-long Shabbats that unwind all day and evening on Saturday. In celebration of summer, here are six ideas to celebrate a summer Shabbat!

## 1. ShaBBQ at Temple Sinai

An annual tradition, ShaBBQ at Temple Sinai is one of my favorite nights of summer! Come at 6:30 for a fun, musical, and spirited Shabbat service, and stay for a yummy, fun, and festive BBQ! There's games to play, food to eat...and of course, dessert! Save the date now – July 19! My family and I will definitely see you there.

## 2. Firefly Havdallah

Tradition teaches us that havdallah can happen when there's three stars in the sky. That's awesome if you can keep everyone in your house awake and stargazing! But just in case...try this! Head outside with your havdallah items around dusk. Start havdallah when you've caught (or counted!) 3 fireflies!

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ongoing Social Action work in the congregation. Or march, protest, write a letter, make a call—advocate for policies that matter to you. Through your actions be a reflection of God's presence in the world.

The Priestly blessing concludes:

***Yeese Adonai panav eilaycha v'yasem l'cha shalom—May God lift up God's face to you and grant you peace.***

The rabbis explain this final blessing as a sign of intimacy,

a symbol of the immanent, unique relationship between God and God's people. This final blessing of *shalom*, often translated as “peace” has the same root as the word *shalem* meaning “whole.” Taken together, this last line of this sacred text is the blessing of *holiness* and *wholeness*, experiencing the wonder of the world in which we dwell, in the relationships with which we are blessed, and perhaps a sense of connection to something

greater than ourselves.

As we embark on this summer season- may God watch over you and protect you and your loved ones. May God's light shine on you and through you and through your actions, be reflected into the world. And may you be blessed with holiness, wholeness, and abundant peaceHave a wonderful summer!

*(Adapted from a sermon delivered on 6.14.19)*



### 3. Shabbat Poolside

I just LOVE to pick up a challah, some grape juice, a pair of battery-operated candles, and a picnic dinner. (We like sandwiches from Jersey Mikes!) We pack up and head to the pool and enjoy a post-work-week swim. It's chill, relaxing, fun...and when everyone is drying off – Shabbat! We say blessings, nosh on challah, enjoy our picnic dinner and start Shabbat together poolside. So easy. So fun. Be warned: battery-operated votive candles are not waterproof.

### 5. Best Ice Cream Shabbat Mission

Shabbat is sweet – and so is the frozen goodness of ice cream in the summer! So, Temple Sinai. This one is only going to work if we're in it together! We all know the DMV is home to some amazing frozen treats – and depending on how far you're willing to travel – the possibilities are limitless. This summer, join me on a mission to find the best ice cream in the DMV. Reserve some time on Shabbat for a family outing, and Instagram your adventure with #icecreamshabbatmission19. I'm starting at Carmen's in Rockville. What about you?

### 4. Shabbat Outside

In the liturgy we read “*Mah rabu ma’asecha Adonai!*” “How amazing are your works, God!” What better time to experience that wonder than on a Shabbat morning?! Head out to one of the incredible nature walks/ hikes/ climbs just a short drive from our neighborhood and enjoy the beauty, peace, and solitude (maybe – if its early enough!) of celebrating Shabbat outside. Grab a challah and take it with you for a sweet treat when you take a break. (Best to hydrate with water instead of grape juice, though!)

### 6. Shabbat at Temple Sinai

You can always come to the Bet Am (or sometimes the patio!) for services each and every Friday through the summer. Our inspiring clergy and music lift up our spirits as we enter Shabbat as a community. Prozdor (appetizers) are at 6 PM and services begin at 6:30 PM. See the full schedule on p. 12.

*Wishing you a sweet, fun,  
festive, Shabbat-filled summer!*

## Summer Shabbat Schedule Guide

**1<sup>ST</sup> Friday:** Community Prozdor (appetizers) from 5:30 to 6:30 PM; Tot Shabbat Service & Dinner beginning at 6:00 PM; Regular Shabbat Service at 6:30 PM.

**All Other Fridays:** Shabbat Service at 6:30 PM, preceded by a Prozdor (appetizers) at 6:00 PM

*We will resume 8 PM Shabbat Services on the 1st Friday of the month in September.*

**Service descriptions and other information can be found at [templesinaidc.org/worship](http://templesinaidc.org/worship)**

**Looking to sign up for a Shabbat dinner?  
Visit [templesinaidc.eventbrite.com](http://templesinaidc.eventbrite.com)**



## Summer Tot Shabbat Services & Participatory Dinners

**1st Friday of the month at 6 PM**

Summer at Sinai brings a special opportunity to spend Tot Shabbat together in a super-casual, super-fun way! Join us for a rockin' Shabbat sing-a-long, followed by a yummy dinner and games and crafts in our Social Hall.

**RSVP at [templesinaidc.eventbrite.com](http://templesinaidc.eventbrite.com)**



## 6th in the City Shabbat Friday, July 12

Are you back in DC this summer with a internship? Do you have 20s/30s family members in town looking to connect with Jewish life? Temple

Sinai will be joining with the Religious Action Center and Sixth & I for a Shabbat service and dinner especially meant for Jewish summer interns, college students and people in their 20s/30s. Location is TBD but will be metro accessible. For more information, email Rabbi Hannah Goldstein at [hgoldstein@templesinaidc.org](mailto:hgoldstein@templesinaidc.org).

## Reproductive Justice Listening Session Saturday, July 13 at 11 AM

Rabbi Goldstein, the leadership of TSWRJ and the Social Action Committee invite you to a temple-wide discussion on how Temple Sinai should engage in the fight for Reproductive Justice. We will meet at the temple; light lunch will be served.

**RSVP to Rachel Hynes at [rhynes@templesinaidc.org](mailto:rhynes@templesinaidc.org).**

### Monday, July 1

2:00 PM WRJ Mah Jong

### Wednesday, July 3

7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong

### Friday, July 5

6:00 PM Tot Shabbat Service & Participatory Dinner

6:30 PM Shabbat Service

### Saturday, July 6

*Torah Reading: Korach (Numbers 16:1-18:32)*

9:15 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon

### Wednesday, July 10

7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong

### Friday, July 12

6:30 PM Shabbat Service

### Saturday, July 13

*Torah Reading: Chukat (Numbers 19:1-22:1)*

9:15 AM Torah Study

10:15 AM Kaddish Minyan

### Saturday, July 13

11:00 AM Reproductive Justice Listening Session

### Monday, July 15

2:00 PM WRJ Mah Jong

### Wednesday, July 17

7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong

### Thursday, July 18

7:30 PM YAWS Meeting

### Friday, July 19

6:30 PM Shabbat Service & "ShaBBQ" Dinner

### Saturday, July 20

*Torah Reading: Balak (Numbers 22:2-25:9)*

9:15 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon

### Wednesday, July 24

7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong

### Friday, July 26

6:30 PM Shabbat Service

### Saturday, July 27

*Torah Reading: Pinchas (Numbers 25:10-30:1)*

9:00 AM Praying With Our Feet (A Wider Circle)

9:15 AM Torah Study

### Wednesday, July 31

7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong

## August 2019

### Friday, August 2

6:00 PM Tot Shabbat Service & Participatory Dinner  
6:30 PM Shabbat Service

### Saturday, August 3

*Torah Reading: Matot – Mas-ei (Numbers 30:2-36:13)*

9:15 AM Torah Study  
10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon

### Monday, August 5

2:00 PM WRJ Mah Jong

### Wednesday, August 7

7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong

### Friday, August 9

6:30 PM Shabbat Service

### Saturday, August 10 | Erev Tishah B'Av

*Torah Reading: D'varim (Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22)*

9:15 AM Torah Study  
10:15 AM Kaddish Minyan

### Wednesday, August 14

7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong

### Thursday, August 15

7:30 PM YAWS Meeting

### Friday, August 16

6:30 PM Shabbat Service

### Saturday, August 17

*Torah Reading: Va-et'chanan (Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11)*

9:15 AM Torah Study  
10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon

### Monday, August 19

2:00 PM WRJ Mah Jong

### Tuesday, August 20

9:00 AM Mishpacha Goes to Six Flags

### Wednesday, August 21

7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong

### Friday, August 23

6:30 PM Shabbat Service

### Saturday, August 24

*Torah Reading: Eikev (Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25)*

9:15 AM Torah Study  
10:15 AM Kaddish Minyan  
5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service - B'not Mitzvah of Mia & Zoe Endelman

### Wednesday, August 28

7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong

### Friday, August 30

6:30 PM Shabbat Service: Labor on the Bimah

### Saturday, August 31

*Torah Reading: R'eih (Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17)*

9:15 AM Torah Study  
10:30 AM Shabbat Service - B'nei Mitzvah of Sydney Merlo & Graham Rogers  
5:30 PM Shabbat Mincha Service - Bat Mitzvah of Beatrice Gumbinner



### Shabbat Service & "ShaBBQ" Dinner Friday, July 19 at 6:30 PM

Celebrate Shabbat and summer with us as we join together for our annual summer ShaBBQ dinner.

**RSVP at [templesinaidc.eventbrite.com](https://templesinaidc.eventbrite.com)**

### Praying With Our Feet

**Saturdays, July 27 and September 7 at 9 AM**



Join us as we celebrate Shabbat while "Praying With Our Feet" at A Wider Circle in Silver Spring, MD. This is a wonderful opportunity to observe Shabbat through tikkun olam, repairing the world.

Volunteers will help load furniture, restock household items, sort through donations, repair objects, and do whatever else may be needed. All ages welcome, but we recommend kids be elementary age and up.

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### Mishpacha Goes to Six Flags America

**Tuesday, August 20**

Join Mishpacha, Temple Sinai's K-6 family fun group, for a day of summer fun as we head to Six Flags America

in Bowie, MD. Bring your siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins-the whole family! All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**RSVP at [templesinaidc.eventbrite.com](https://templesinaidc.eventbrite.com)**

### Labor on the Bimah

**Friday, August 30 at 6:30 PM**

Labor Day is not just a day off! It is a day that honors the American labor movement, and their work to ensure fair and just labor conditions for American workers. We participate in "Labor on the Bimah" as part of an interfaith initiative that strives to bring these values into worship on Labor Day weekend. Join us for an inspiring Shabbat service that lifts up the labor movement on this important weekend.





## A Taste of Mussar

### Thursdays in September at 10 AM

This September, Temple Sinai is proud to again offer an introductory course on the subject of Mussar. Mussar is a set of teachings from

Jewish tradition to help cultivate personal growth and spiritual realization in the midst of day-to-day life. The course will be taught by Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser and will examine, from intellectual and spiritual perspectives, various middot or character traits and how we can better develop them.

**RSVP at [templesinai.org/eventbrite.com](http://templesinai.org/eventbrite.com)**

## Elul: Are You Ready?

### Fridays in September

The month of Elul is all about preparation- doing the introspection, and the *teshuvah* (repentance) that will enable you to be spiritually prepared for the High Holidays.

At Temple Sinai, we use our Friday evening Shabbat services during the month of Elul as an opportunity to do this preparation collectively. We will integrate the themes of the High Holidays into our worship and the sermons will be focused on getting us ready as well. This year, each of the sermons during the month of Elul will focus on a part of the High Holiday liturgy, prayers that address the distinct themes of the season. Join us to prepare, reflect and learn.



## Book Talk with Rev. Rob Schenck

### Sunday, September 8 at 9:30 AM

The Gun Violence Prevention Group hosts a brunch conversation with Rev. Rob Schenck, the author of *Costly*

*Grace: An Evangelical Minister's Rediscovery of Faith, Hope, and Love*. Rev. Schenck has been taking his pro-life message to fight gun violence.

**RSVP at [templesinai.org/eventbrite.com](http://templesinai.org/eventbrite.com)**



## Doggie Playdate

### Saturday, September 14 at 5 PM

Bring your well-mannered dog for some fun play time with your fellow congregants and their pets on the lawn of the Carnegie Institution. Rabbi

Adam will be on hand to offer snacks (human- and pet-friendly) and a blessing. Please note that the lawn is NOT fenced in. All are welcome.

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### Wednesday, September 4

7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong

### Thursday, September 5

10:00 AM A Taste of Mussar

### Friday, September 6

6:00 PM Tot Shabbat Service & Participatory Dinner

8:00 PM Shabbat Service: Elul Kickoff with music from MMC followed by a Festive Oneg

### Saturday, September 7

*Torah Reading: Shof'tim (Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9)*

9:00 AM Praying With Our Feet (A Wider Circle)

9:15 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon

### Saturday, September 7

*Torah Reading:*

10:30 AM Shabbat Service - B'nei Mitzvah of Joshua Black &

Sasha Bryer-Gottesman

5:00 PM Shabbat Mincha Service - Bat Mitzvah of Julia Schiffman

### Sunday, September 8

9:30 AM Gun Violence Prevention Group Book Talk with Rev. Rob Schenck

### Monday, September 9

12:45 PM Daytimers

### Wednesday, September 11

7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong

### Thursday, September 12

10:00 AM A Taste of Mussar

7:00 PM SiNIGHTs Out for 8th-12th Graders (Gusto Bethesda)

### Friday, September 13

6:30 PM Shabbat Service

Save the date!

**SATURDAY  
NOV. 9, 2019**  
7:30 PM

Celebrate Senior Cantor Laura Croen's  
25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Temple Sinai!

**A Night With  
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STARRING  
**CHIP ZIEN**  
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With special appearance by  
CANTOR CROEN

We're rolling out the red carpet for a gala musical evening!

Presented by Temple Sinai Music Committee

**Saturday, September 14***Torah Reading: Ki Teitzei (Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19)*

- 9:15 AM Torah Study  
 10:30 AM Shabbat Service - B'nei Mitzvah of Zachary Lundman & Renuka Rubin  
 5:00 PM Doggie Playdate (Carnegie Institution Lawn)

**Sunday, September 15**

- 4:00 PM TSWRJ Wine & Cheese (offsite)

**Monday, September 16**

- 2:00 PM WRJ Mah Jong

**Tuesday, September 17**

- 10:00 AM Sinai Reads: People of the Book Club

**Wednesday, September 18**

- 7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong

**Thursday, September 19**

- 10:00 AM A Taste of Mussar

**Friday, September 20**

- 6:30 PM Shabbat Service

**Saturday, September 21 | Selichot***Torah Reading: Ki Tavo (Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8)*

- 9:15 AM Torah Study  
 10:30 AM Kehillat Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon  
 10:30 AM Shabbat Service - B'not Mitzvah of Anna Cowan-Allen & Emma Suleiman

**Sunday, September 22**

- 3:00 PM Multiracial Sinai Wine & Cheese Reception  
 4:00 PM Bonim - Our Fall Holiday Celebration

**Wednesday, September 25**

- 7:30 PM WRJ Mah Jong

**Thursday, September 26**

- 10:00 AM A Taste of Mussar  
 7:00 PM Chug Ivrit 4th Grade Parent Meeting

**Friday, September 27**

- 6:30 PM Selichot Shabbat Service



## Sinai at the Bethesda Central Farmers' Market

### Sunday, September 22

Stop by the Temple Sinai 4th annual booth at the Bethesda Central Farmers' Market, located at Bethesda

Elementary School! Rabbi Hannah Goldstein and members of the TS community will be there with Rosh HaShanah themed giveaways.

**Selichot Shabbat****Friday, September 27 at 6:30 PM**

It's almost here! Selichot (forgiveness) is your last chance to get yourself in the right headspace for the High Holidays. The traditional Selichot liturgy is a series of penitential prayers. At Temple Sinai, we bring the themes of Selichot into our final Shabbat before Rosh Hashanah. At the service, we will begin to hear the familiar musical themes of the holidays and change our Torah covers to white as we mark our final Shabbat of preparation before the days of awe.

Learn more about the holidays at [templesinai.org/hhd](http://templesinai.org/hhd)

**Saturday, September 28***Torah Reading: Nitzavim (Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20)*

- 9:15 AM Torah Study  
 10:15 AM Kaddish Minyan

**Sunday, September 30 | Erev Rosh HaShanah**

- 7:30 PM Sanctuary Service  
 7:30 PM Kehillat Yom Tov Service

**Monday, September 30 | Rosh HaShanah**

- 8:30 AM Tot Holiday Service with Baby Blessing  
 9:15 AM Early Bethesda Service  
 10:00 AM Sanctuary & Bet Am Services  
 11:30 AM Late Bethesda Service  
 5:00 PM Tashlich (location TBA)

To see our complete calendar, please visit our website, [templesinai.org](http://templesinai.org).

The newly formed Multiracial Sinai Committee is committed to guiding Temple Sinai in becoming an affirmatively antiracist congregation through education, training, affinity groups and other programming.

## Affinity Gathering

### September 22 at 3 PM

If you identify as a person of color or Jew of color please plan to join Multiracial Sinai's affinity gathering this September. For more information please contact Deitra Reiser, Co-Chair Multiracial Sinai. Details to follow!

**Fall Discussion Groups**

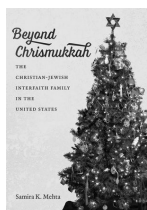
This fall, the newly formed Multiracial Sinai Committee will be offering facilitated discussion groups on exploring racial identity and being antiracist in a Jewish context. Two groups will be starting after the High Holy Days with more to follow!

Stay tuned for more details about how to get involved! For information about Multiracial Sinai please contact Rabbi Hannah Goldstein at [hgoldstein@templesinai.org](mailto:hgoldstein@templesinai.org), or Co-Chairs Deitra Reiser at [deitralou@gmail.com](mailto:deitralou@gmail.com) and Cathy Goldwyn at [cgoldwyn1@icloud.com](mailto:cgoldwyn1@icloud.com).

# TS LIBRARY

The Library Committee has been busy reorganizing the collection to make it more accessible for you. DVDs are now on the far wall behind the conference table. Our end-of-shelf slat wall displays feature cookbooks and new fiction. The circular carousel showcases books that tie into temple programming, upcoming holidays, and new and noteworthy additions. New non-fiction maintains its place of pride in the bookcase to the immediate left of the entrance.

## Recent Acquisitions



New additions reflect current trends and temple priorities. In *Beyond Chismukkah: The Christian-Jewish interfaith family in the United States*, author Samira K. Mehta argues that the emergence of multiculturalism helped generate new terms by which interfaith families are empowered to shape their religious practices.. *Torah Queeries: Weekly Commentaries on the Hebrew Bible*, by Gregg Drinkwater, unites the voices of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and straight-

allied writers, including some of the most central figures in contemporary American Judaism. Stories of forgotten or lesser known Jewish women in history also are of growing interest. In *Meet Me at the Well: The Girls and Women of the Bible*, authors Jane Yolen and Barbara Diamond Goldin masterfully introduce us to some of them, pairing eloquent profiles with stunning art.

## New for Young Adult Readers

*In the Neighborhood of True*, by Susan Kaplan Carlton, tackles anti-Semitism and the tug of assimilation. After her father's death, Ruth Robb and her family transplant themselves in the summer of 1958 from New York City to Atlanta—the land of debutantes, sweet tea, and the Ku Klux Klan. In her new hometown, Ruth quickly figures out she can be Jewish or she can be popular, but she can't be both. You can browse our entire of YA books in the fiction aisle.

## Memoirs and Fiction

A few other new additions to our collection may just tempt you. *Savage Feast: Three Generations, Two Continents, and a Dinner Table: A Memoir*, by Boris Fishman is a gorgeously told, recipe-filled memoir of immigration, love, and an epic meal. In *Strangers and Cousins: A Novel*, by Leah Hager Cohen,

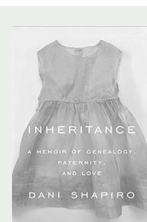
Bennie and Walter face conflict in their small town when a group of Haredi move there. In *The Flight Portfolio: A Novel*, by Julie Orringer, the acclaimed author of *The Invisible Bridge*, is a gripping historical novel based on the true story of American diplomat Varian Fry's extraordinary attempt to save the work, and the lives, of Jewish artists fleeing the Holocaust.

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## Temple Sinai Librarian

Our Librarian, Ruth Polk, is in the Library on Mondays, 9:30-2:00 and Wednesdays 9:30-1:00. If you have questions or requests, please contact Ruth at [rpolk@templesinaidc.org](mailto:rpolk@templesinaidc.org) or (202) 363-6394 ext. 218. The library is open whenever Temple Sinai is open and you can check out books any time. The catalogue is available on the temple website under "Learn" – just click on "Library" and you'll find all our listings.



### People of the Book Club Tuesday, September 17 at 10 AM

This year we will be focusing on "Stories of the Self" and each of the books we select for the Tuesday discussion will be memoirs. The first book of the year will be *Inheritance* by

Dani Shapiro. This story of surprising DNA results weaves together how we deal with family secrets, questions of identity, and what shapes us into the people who we are. Shapiro asks, "How had I lived my life without being able to answer that first and most fundamental of all questions: Who am I?" Join us as we use this text to consider this essential human question.



# SINAI CARES

NEW RESOURCES FOR YOU TO KNOW ABOUT

**S**inaiCares is pleased to offer temple's live-streamed Healing Services via it's page of the temple website that so many congregants have found meaningful and comforting during times of distress. Led by Rabbi Rosenwasser and Cantor Robins, these services, one from Yom Kipper and the other a Shabbat service, combine spoken and sung prayers, and instrumental music, as well as a thoughtful selection of printed prayers. While Temple Sinai's traditional pastoral care is one-on-one in-person meetings with clergy, these services are available anytime and to anyone from the comfort and privacy of their own home at [templesinai.org/sinai-cares](https://templesinai.org/sinai-cares). If you would like a printed copy of the Healing Service Supplement, please let the office know and a copy will be sent to you.

The Temple Sinai library has a wide collection of books that can help members address challenges in their lives or in their loved ones' lives. These books are listed in a bibliography, *Collection on Dealing with Challenges of Health and Difference*, that can be found in the library. There is also a link to this bibliography on the library's website page, <https://tsl-hl.mimas.opalsinfo.net/bin/home>.

The library is also home to a collection of small booklets called *Life Lights* that are for members to keep for themselves or give to a friend or relatives. These booklets provide information and inspiration about managing the emotional, spiritual and physical challenges that we may be facing.

For more information on any of these resources, or to learn more about how SinaiCares may be able to help you or your loved ones in a time of need, please contact any clergy or Karen Auerbach, SinaiCares Coordinator, at [kauerbach@templesinai.org](mailto:kauerbach@templesinai.org) or (202) 363-6394.

## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

### Jewish Heritage Tour to the Balkans May 3-14, 2020

*"This part of the world was unknown to me, now it has come alive!" -Melinda S.*

Join Cantorial Soloist Robyn Helzner on an extraordinary journey to Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina and experience this wildly popular destination through a Jewish lens.



- Visit 16th century synagogues and historic Jewish cemeteries in Dubrovnik, Split and Sarajevo
- Celebrate Shabbat at the oldest Sephardic synagogue in the world
- View the renowned Sarajevo Haggadah
- Enjoy breathtaking Plitvice Lakes National Park - a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Stop at the Jasenovac Memorial Site
- Learn songs of the Croatian and Bosnian Jews

**REGISTER by August 12 and receive a \$200 early bird discount in the land costs.** Space is limited. Learn more at [www.helzner.com](http://www.helzner.com) or e-mail [rhelzner@templesinai.org](mailto:rhelzner@templesinai.org).

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Rimonim Society members provide the means for Temple Sinai to carry on our work for generations to come, by including the temple in their estate plans or establishing another type of planned gift to benefit the temple. For more information please contact Ellen Agler at [eaagler@templesinai.org](mailto:eaagler@templesinai.org) or by calling the temple office.

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We kicked off summer with a celebration of Kehillat Shabbat's 20th anniversary on June 1. On June 7, we celebrated Pride along with the aufruf of Rabbi Hannah Goldstein and Joshua Friedman. Special thanks to Judy Licht for documenting both occasions for us.



# GET INVOLVED

Temple Sinai is a community that values the active engagement of members in leadership and community-building. Committees, Task Forces, and Program Groups work in partnership with staff to help shape the direction of temple life and to engage members with particular interests and skills. Contact a liaison below to learn about how you can get involved:

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**Green Team** We develop environmentally conscious improvements at Temple Sinai and encourage similar commitments at the individual and community levels. We have also established a network to inform members about environmental programs, challenges, and opportunities at the local, regional, national, and global level as well as facilitate and coordinate action.

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**Membership** We celebrate new members and honor long-time members at our Member Celebration Shabbat each year. We personally deliver new members a Shabbat welcome bag, plan and organize small group gatherings throughout the year, and provide outreach to prospective members.

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**Multiracial Sinai** We provide guidance in affirming Temple Sinai's identity as a multiracial congregation and in identifying opportunities for improvement in aspects of our congregational life. We are committed to guiding Temple Sinai in becoming an affirmatively antiracist congregation through education, training, affinity groups and other programming.

**Music** We work with Senior Cantor Laura Croen to bring a wide range of vibrant musical programs, along with related festive dinners and one-ges, to our community.

**Nursery School** We work with the Nursery School Director to review and establish policy, support the Nursery School and the Nursery School Parent Association.

**Religious School** We work with the Director of the Religious School to review and establish school policies and support the educational program, teaching staff, and Director.

**Ritual** We work with clergy to review ritual policies and practices for Shabbat, High Holy Day and festival services, and life cycle events.

**SinaiCares** We provide support to members at times of illness, loss, hardship and celebration. We use volunteers to visit members and to deliver challahs, yahrzeit candles and baby baskets and we arrange transportation for members to Temple Sinai.

**Sinai House** We oversee the work of Sinai House, which provides housing at Sinai House for four homeless families, including children. Located in NW Washington, DC, Sinai House was purchased by the Temple Sinai Assisted Housing Foundation.

**Social Action** We coordinate social action programming based on collaboration with clergy and Board leadership reflecting priorities identified by the membership. We formulate positions on critical social justice issues for Temple Sinai and develop and implement local strategies to work toward achieving them.

**Strategic Planning** We oversee development and implementation of the Strategic Plan and report progress to the Board and the Congregation.

**TSWRJ** We sponsor educational, social action and study programs on topics of interest to Temple Sinai families, and support TS youth through scholarships and gifts to students. We also operate the congregation's Judaica Shop and the yearly Chanukah Mart and organize the community's Second Seder.



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